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## **MIAMI COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR THREATENING PRESIDENT**

DAYTON – Wilbur Leroy Brown, age 31, of Miami County, was sentenced in United States District Court here to 30 months imprisonment for writing a letter containing threats against the President of the United States and asking a corrections officer at the Miami County jail to mail it for him.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Kurt Douglass, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, and Miami County Sheriff Charles A. Cox announced the sentence handed down late yesterday by United States District Judge Walter H. Rice.

Brown pleaded guilty on June 26, 2008 to one count of making threats against the President.

Brown was incarcerated at the Miami County, Ohio Incarceration Facility when, on January 9, 2006, he prepared a handwritten letter, gave it to a Corrections Officer, and asked her to mail it. When he gave the letter to the Corrections Officer, Brown told her that he had people watching the President and the President's family and that these people were waiting to kill the President and the President's family. The letter written by Brown was addressed to "George W. Bush," 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20015. In his letter, Defendant blamed President Bush for causing him to go to prison for not registering as a sex offender because of the President enacting the "sex offender act." The letter directly threatened President Bush, his wife and daughters, as well as the President's brother.

The letter included a statement, "How many people with the last name Bush can I can kill in this single year . . . I have nothing to lose and only everything to gain by your death." When interviewed by a Secret Service agent, Brown admitted to writing the letter and attempting to mail it, stating that he wanted to see President Bush dead, or at least "take a long nap." Brown also said that he had enlisted the assistance of five individuals to carry out a plan to kill the President and his family.

"All threats against the President are taken seriously and will be investigated and prosecuted," Lockhart said.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by Miami County Sheriff's Deputies and Secret Service agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who prosecuted the case.

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